

# War Emotions



**Addie Wallace**  
 "I don't like this (war). But there's nothing I can do about it so I don't let it stress me. It's in God's hands now. He's my provider, so I look to him to get us through this."



**John Calhoun**  
 "I think there should be a war if the president says so. I'd rather it not be that way, but if he says it's necessary then I support it."



**Richard Rasch**  
 "I am for the war. We gave Saddam Hussein more than enough time to comply. I'm proud of our troops. They are staying right on the time line. By March 27, I hope to see Baghdad under siege."



**Gerae Howard**  
 "As a black person I'm in a war every day, so this war really doesn't concern me."

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**Terrance Martin**

"I've got mixed emotions. We're supposed to be looking for weapons of mass destruction but we can't find them. We should kill 'em (the enemy) and get outta there."



**Edward Crumble**

"It's a necessary evil. It's either go over there or they'll come over here. These people who are out there protesting - I think we should send them over there."



**Alberta DeHaven**

"I really think the government should take care of things at home before bothering with things over there. I'm on Medicaid and I can't afford my medicine - I could die. Over there, that's their thing."



**Leroy Hudson Sr.**

"There shouldn't be a war. They're just trying to get the oil. We all know what it's all about. The Bush administration is wrong. Saddam is wrong, but he's doing what he has to do to protect his country."



**Kenny Edwards**

"We're protesting at the wrong time. I wish all these folks with all this energy would have gotten together and fought for a recall (in Florida) so Bush wouldn't be sending these kids over there to fight."



daddy's war, this is something we have to do. We cannot afford to let them kill our people."

But Leroy Hudson Sr. questions if the war is really about Americans' safety or economic gain.

"We all know it's about the oil," he said. "Sadaam is just trying to keep the oil."

Oil or weapons of mass destruction aside, Kenny Edwards just wishes American would have recalled Bush's election before it ever came to this.

"That's when they should have been protesting," he said.

# Future Entrepreneurs

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arrived early to gain insight into starting his own clothing line.

"What do I need to do to manage my money so I won't mess up and go bankrupt?" he asked.

Portland Community College Sophomore Aline Andre won \$50 for arriving at the camp first. She showed up a half an hour before the doors even opened. She is working on changing her money habits.

"I spend it on things I don't really need," she said.

Keith Jackson of Albina Bank fielded the student's questions with succinct advice that didn't involve a lot of tricks, just good fiscal sense.

"Financial discipline is the lifeblood of staying in business," Jackson said. "As a small business owner you have to have the knowledge of analyzing your financial statements."

Jackson stressed the importance of creating savings and building credit, a necessity for the small business owner and young entrepreneur.

He said the bulk of small business people would need to borrow money at some time.

"A bank account, no matter how old you are, is the first way to store this money away," he explained. "What it does for you is create a mindset for saving."

Morland said he started the program in light of the mistakes he made as a young business owner. He knows first hand the value of staying out of debt and financially on track.

"Nobody is going to give you money (to start a business) unless they know you can handle it," Morland said.

Five central keys to successful business management were covered during the event.

"You have to have a vision," Morland said. "That's the first."

Secondly, he said, you have to network. You have to meet the people that are in the business and understand what you need to work with them.

Sales and technology are the

third and fourth keys, of which Morland said, "if you can't keep up you may as well get out."

The fifth and final key was described as one of the most important.

"You have to give back," Morland said. "People need to know you are a good person to do business with."

Jackson knows how to give back. He wasn't paid a dime to take off a sunny Saturday afternoon and lend some valued financial guidance to these young people.

"This means a lot to me. Nate is doing a wonderful job with the youth store and the boot camp," he said.

This is the second year Morland has produced the money camp. He has already scheduled another in August - a fulfillment of his vision to give back and stay connected to a generation intent of following their dreams.

"The thing about being young is being creative," said Morland. "Once you lose your creativity, you're no longer young."

# War Distracts State Lawmakers

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truck bombings.

Before the U.S.-led invasion was launched last week, most of the buzz around the Capitol dealt with the state's continuing fiscal strife.

Lawmakers took a major step forward on March 3, when they approved a \$500 million borrowing and reserves-draining plan to balance the current two-year budget.

That cleared the way for lawmakers to begin a discussion of the coming two-year budget, and all sides are bracing for a contentious debate over budget cuts and possible tax increases.

For now, though, the attention of many in the building has been diverted to the war in Iraq.

"It's just natural that what was the top issue in the state - the budget - has now been displaced"

by the war, Gov. Ted Kulongoski said. "People in the Legislature are concerned as we all are."

"Any time this nation puts its men and women in harm's way, people's attention gets focused on that conflict," Kulongoski said.

The governor experienced that himself when he returned last Thursday from what he said was a successful four-day trade mission to promote grass seed sales to China.

At a news conference, many of the reporters' questions dealt not with grass seed sales but with the war and the state's preparedness to deal with possible acts of terror.

It's likely Kulongoski will receive greater attention Monday when he attends a ceremony at the Oregon State Fairgrounds marking another deployment of

Oregon National Guard troops headed for the war effort.

The Legislature has taken several actions directly related to the war.

Both chambers last week passed resolutions praising the troops. This week, the Senate is expected to pass a bill allowing families of state workers called to serve the Oregon National Guard or other military reserves to keep state health coverage for up to a year.

Senate President Peter Courtney said that while legislators need to go about their business of crafting a new budget and taking care of other issues, it's difficult not to be distracted by developments in the Persian Gulf.

"You find your eyes always wandering to a TV" report on the war, the Salem Democrat said.

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